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Via FOIA Online

National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Concerning Modifications of Tennessee's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program

To Whom This May Concern:

This is a request for a public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2. For purposes of this request, the definition of "records" includes, but is not limited to, documents, letters, memoranda, notes, reports, e-mail messages (including e-mails to and from personal e-mail accounts), policy statements, data, technical evaluations or analysis, and studies.

Background

On or about December 28, 1977, EPA approved the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") program for the State of Tennessee. Since then, the state program has been subject to periodic revisions, reevaluations, and modifications. Such modifications include, *inter alia*, EPA granting approval to the State's pretreatment program in 1983, approval to regulate federal facilities in 1986, and approval to issue general permits in 1991.

Request

This request seeks any and all records (including Federal Register notices) pertaining to the State of Tennessee's submissions and EPA approvals of the NPDES permit program and subsequent modifications or amendments approved by EPA.

This request **specifically excludes** records pertaining to EPA approval of Tennessee's pretreatment program in 1983, regulation of federal facilities in 1986, and general permit authority in 1991, unless there were changes associated with EPA's approval during those times that addressed other NPDES permitting issues.

If there were no EPA approval of State modifications or amendments to its approved NPDES program other than those identified above, please confirm such in your response.

Please contact the undersigned if the associated search and duplication costs are anticipated to exceed \$250.00. Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. A. English", is written over a horizontal line.

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